

# Highly potent marijuana poses risks to NH youth and communities.

Highly potent products are available in a legal, commercial market.

- Nationally, the potency of marijuana has increased more than 5 times since the 1970s.<sup>1</sup>
- In states that have legalized, marijuana products are heavily marketed.<sup>2</sup>
- The rise of highly potent pot has led to an increase in emergency rooms visits and poisonings among children.<sup>3</sup>
- Research shows marijuana is harmful to young people's developing brains and can lead to future mental illness and substance use disorder.<sup>4</sup>



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